

progress, to force somebody to be dependent on government.

They want to control the decisions you make: when you can work, when you can drive, whether you should wear a mask. It doesn't matter what the science or the CDC says. If Speaker PELOSI has the power, she will enforce it on you.

They want to control what you can read on the internet and what you can teach your children. But look at history. I don't see a single country where Democrat socialist ideas worked before. They have all been failures.

My greatest fear is the direction you are sending America. In 5 months, America goes from energy independence to having gasoline stations without gas; from an economy where you have done nothing but grow back, to creating inflation we haven't seen in decades; to empowering our enemies, who only harm our allies. You have more help wanted signs in America—8 million—and you missed the jobs report, the worst we have seen in decades, by the action taken on this floor.

The hard part about it, Madam Speaker, is we warned you. We told you what would happen. We told you you were going to create inflation. We told you you were going to kill American jobs. You are going to reward people not to work. I have never been a believer in participation trophies. They don't work. They don't help. Certainly, those small businesses that have struggled to survive, you are crushing them.

Every indication, every number shows it. To sit here on the floor and say you will not raise their taxes, you are doing it right now. You are hurting the most vulnerable. Gas prices are higher. The bread, the lumber to even build the house, you are pricing them out.

The recent surge of bad economic news, in what should be a robust recovery, is a warning sign that your ideas are not working now. The last time inflation was this high, Joe Biden was Vice President. The last time gas prices were this high, Joe Biden was Vice President. We found the common denominator: President Biden's bad policies. Unfortunately, instead of learning from history, President Biden and Democrats are choosing to repeat it.

That was one of the low points in America, when inflation was high, interest rates were there, and the rest of the world questioned whether America was what they used to be. We proved what policies could matter: incentive to work, letting people keep more of what they earned; making America energy independent.

What is so amazing to me, when President Biden was elected, he had Operation Warp Speed, he got a vaccine, and he was vaccinated before he was even sworn in. He had millions of doses of the vaccine being produced. He had an economy rising, coming out of the COVID pandemic. He had more help wanted signs. If he literally did nothing,

America would be stronger. But he took the wrong actions, led by the socialist Democrats of this floor, Madam Speaker. Now America is hurting.

The only thing I ask: study history, listen to those who are creating jobs, take the incentive away where government is everything, and unshackle what holds us back. Let Americans have the freedom they deserve and desire. Prove that the next century will be ours once again.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

REPEAL THE STATE AND LOCAL TAX SALT CAP

(Ms. SHERRILL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I rise on tax day. Teachers, cops, single moms, seniors, veterans, middle-class Americans—I am here to speak for all of them today, to be their voice in the fight against a tax provision that punishes States like New Jersey for investing in its residents.

In States like mine, our State taxes go toward paying for top-tier public schools, investing in infrastructure and open spaces, and supporting a prevailing wage for our unions. That is why people move here. That is why families stay for generations.

But without the ability to deduct State and local taxes, calling New Jersey home is becoming less and less viable for our middle-class residents.

Seniors are rethinking retiring in New Jersey; married couples are rethinking starting a family in New Jersey; young people are rethinking moving back to New Jersey after college.

The bottom line is, you don't have to be a millionaire to be impacted by the SALT cap, and New Jersey families are getting taxed twice.

The time is now to bring relief to everyday middle-class New Jersey residents who are getting crushed by this cap.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SUTTIE ECONOMY

(Mr. CLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Roanoke native and World War II Navy veteran Suttie Economy, who passed away earlier this month at the age of 95.

While Economy was proud of his service and the time he spent on the USS *English* in the South Pacific, he never forgot his fellow veterans who didn't make it home. Economy made it his life's mission to honor soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who gave their lives for the cause of American freedom.

Known for his efforts to maintain the Roanoke War Memorial, driving around

town in his red, white, and blue Yugo, and handing out Juicy Fruit gum, Economy made an impression whenever he went.

In 2008, he said one of his proudest moments was having marble flower vases added to the Star City's war memorial after years of lobbying, urging folks to: "Never forget those veterans."

His daughter said his work was never about him, but rather, it was always about the veterans who served and gave their lives.

With traffic stopped, a police officer standing at attention, and members of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association serving as pallbearers, Economy was laid to rest with the respect he deserved.

Fair winds and following seas, Suttie.

STANDING FOR ISRAEL

(Ms. SALAZAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to declare my community's unshakable support for the State of Israel.

Israel has been under constant fire for over a week by Hamas, which is a terrorist organization supported by Iran. Over 3,100 rockets have been fired, 10 Israelis have been killed, and millions more would be at risk if not for the Iron Dome missile defense system protecting its citizens.

Make no mistake, Hamas is not interested in peace. Their goal is to destroy the Jewish State of Israel.

Hamas uses children as human shields and pays the terrorists' families for life.

Hamas launches the attacks but tries to paint Israel as the aggressor. At the same time, cynics or opportunists are taking advantage of this violent wave of terrorism to peddle anti-Semitic hate.

I am proud to stand for Israel, the only democratic country in the Middle East and its right to defend itself.

ISRAEL IS AMERICA'S STRONGEST ALLY

(Mr. COMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to stand with the people of Israel and their right to defend themselves against the Iranian-funded terrorist groups, Hamas and Hezbollah.

Last week, these terrorists began firing missiles into Israel and killing Israeli citizens. Since these unjustified attacks started, we have seen Members of Congress and the media rush to declare a moral equivalence between Israel and its attackers.

Let me be very clear: There is no moral equivalence between the State of Israel and terrorists who shield themselves with children, target civilian